

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 26, lines 17-26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A twenty-third basic embodiment of this invention is a modification of one of the first to twenty-second basic embodiments thereof. In a power supply apparatus of the twenty-third basic embodiment of this invention, the control portion includes means for calculating the sum of required electric power by adding a basic required-~~required~~ power value and a consumed power value. The basic required power value corresponds to the rate of electric power fed to small-rating-power loads and prescribed important loads. The consumed power value corresponds to the total rate of consumption of electric power by the on-vehicle loads.

Please replace the paragraph at page 34, lines 18-23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The engine-drive regulations may be applied only to specified circumstances such as idling operation of the engine or the travel of the vehicle in a traffic snarl which do not need a great sum of required electric power. In this case, a command to suspend or decelerate the engine is given only when the engine is idling or the vehicle is ~~travelling~~ traveling in a traffic snarl.